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SUBJECT: Clandestine Czech Newspaper - Svobodny Mirek

TO: Heidelberg "CHRON" ☐
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1. Thank you for your excellent dispatch on the above subject. It was concise, yet sufficiently detailed, and so carefully and closely reasoned that it was possible for us to convert it into project form with little rewording. The project has not been finally cleared at this point, but there are good prospects for its approval in the near future.

2. In line with the tenor of your dispatch, we plan initially to do no more than subsidize the paper to the extent necessary to assure its continued publication, and to give us a lever wherewith to exercise a certain control over its editorial policy. There will then follow a period of watchful waiting during which we will assay the results of our subsidization program. If the indications are then favorable, we will alert you and arrange for a preparatory meeting, probably between ☐ and the Paris editor of Svobodny Mirek.

3. We are inclined to agree with your suggestion that the clandestine edition of the paper should be printed through your facilities in Germany on the basis of copy prepared by selected members of the Paris editorial staff for ostensible transmission to the Czech underground. The precise manner of dissemination into Czechoslovakia would, of course, be left largely to your discretion on the basis of your on-the-spot knowledge of the means available for conducting such an operation.

4. We shall keep you informed of developments, and are looking forward to any additional comments or suggestions you may have on the project as currently outlined.

JEB/njh

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